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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 541 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 541 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/618,059

Applicant(s)

SCHWARTZ ET AL.

Examiner

HADI SHAKERI

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to BPAT Decision 02/27/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 14-16 and 18-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Hadi Shakeri/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3727

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The period under 37 CFR 1.304 for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered February 27, 2009 has expired and no further action has been taken by appellant. The proceedings as to the rejected claims are considered terminated; see 37 CFR 1.197(b).

The application will be passed to issue on allowed claims 1-8, 14-16 and 18-26, claims 10, 11 and 13 have been cancelled. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Slate on Tuesday April 28, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

• **Please replace the listing of the claims with the following:**

1. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:
a machine tool;
an elongate abrasive bit carried by the machine tool; and
a nozzle, the nozzle comprising a sintered body having:
at least one coolant inlet;
a plurality of coolant outlets, no gap in either circumferential direction
between sequentially adjacent ones of the outlets being more than 72°;

internal surface portions defining one or more passageways between the at least one coolant inlet the and at least one coolant outlet; and an aperture accommodating the bit.

2. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the sintered body is a single unitary piece.
3. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the one or more passageways includes a plenum surrounding the aperture.
4. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the plurality of coolant outlets are symmetric around an axis.
5. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the plurality of coolant outlets are positioned to direct associated coolant outlet streams toward an axis of the bit when said bit is in an installed position.
6. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the plurality of coolant outlets are elongate.
7. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the plurality of coolant outlets comprises at least five outlets and the at least one coolant inlet is a single coolant inlet.
8. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the aperture has a diameter of less than 3cm.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the plurality of coolant outlets are angled to provide essentially total coverage along a length of an abrasive portion of the bit.
15. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the plurality of coolant outlets provide a redundant coverage around the entire circumference of the bit so that, during a machining operation, the effects of a workpiece blocking one or more sprays of the coolant are limited.
16. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:
 - a machine tool;
 - a rotating abrasive quill carried by the machine tool; and
 - a nozzle, the nozzle comprising a sintered body and having:
 - at least one coolant inlet;
 - at least one coolant outlet discharging a plurality of liquid coolant outlet streams impacting obliquely toward a tip of the quill along a side of the quill;
 - internal surface portions defining one or more passageways along essentially an entire circumference of the quill between the at least one coolant inlet and the at least one coolant outlet; and
 - an aperture accommodating the quill.
17. (Canceled)
18. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16 formed of a sintered ceramic.
19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the at least one coolant outlet comprises at least five outlets and the at least one coolant inlet is a single coolant inlet.

20. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:
- a machine tool;
 - a rotating abrasive bit carried by the machine tool; and
 - a nozzle, the nozzle comprising a sintered body and having:
 - a through-aperture accommodating the bit;
 - a coolant inlet;
 - a plurality of coolant outlets at more than one angular position about the through-aperture and oriented to discharge associated coolant outlet streams and having circumferential spacing between each of the outlets and an associated first and second adjacent ones of the outlets on respective first and second sides of said outlet of no more than 72°; and
- internal surface portions defining one or more passageways between the coolant inlet and the plurality of coolant outlets.
21. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the bit is an elongate superabrasive quill.
22. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the bit has a doubly convex head portion and a distal shaft portion which have an abrasive coating or embedded abrasive particles.
23. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 having a sintered nozzle body.
24. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the coolant is water based or comprises oil.
25. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the one or more passageways include:
- a feed trunk; and
 - a plenum between the feed trunk and the outlets.

26. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the liquid coolant outlet streams have centerlines meeting the bit at an acute angle to a rotational axis of the bit.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hadi Shakeri whose telephone number is 571-272-4495. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica S. Carter can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

April 28, 2009

/Hadi Shakeri/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3727